

# LA CRESCENT CITY NEWS

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Fall/Winter 2021

## La Crescent Fire Department Celebrates 100 years



The year 2020 marked the 100 year anniversary for the La Crescent Fire Department. Unfortunately, due to COVID, the celebration was not able to take place until this year. Despite the rainy day, fun was had by all. Thank you to everyone that turned out to help the La Crescent Fire Department celebrate this milestone.



## Wagon Wheel Pedestrian Bridge Update

Construction on the Wagon Wheel Pedestrian Bridge Over Hwy 14/61 will begin this fall and continue through the winter and into next year.



## Support your Local DMV



Did you know that the City Of La Crescent DMV operates through reimbursements from the State of Minnesota? This is accomplished through the filing fees that are collected when you do your transactions in person, such as tab renewals, title transfers and driver's license renewals. Did you know that you do not need to be a Houston County resident to use our local DMV? Our La Crescent DMV office can serve any Minnesota resident. The La Crescent DMV thanks you for your continued support and looks forward to seeing you soon.

## Neighbor's Night Out 2021

The La Crescent Police Department was very excited to have a traditional Neighbor's Night Out on August 3<sup>rd</sup> estimating about 1000 community members having been in attendance. This event is about much more than just public safety and is always a highlight for the La Crescent Police Department to host.

Thank you to all of the generous businesses and residents who make this event possible. If your organization wishes to participate in future events, please contact the La Crescent Police Department (507) 895-4414, and we can discuss details.





## ADOPT-A-DRAIN IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

La Crescent is excited to partner with Hamline University and the Adopt-A-Drain program. Would you like to sign up for the Adopt-a-Drain program? Storm drains flow directly to local lakes, rivers, and wetlands, acting as a conduit for trash and organic pollutants. Adopt-a-Drain asks residents to adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood and keep it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution.

By adopting a drain, you're committing to keeping the drain and the area around it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris for the next year—and hopefully longer. There's no specific requirement for how often you need to sweep up. Most people clear their drain about twice a month, but be sure to check the drain before and after it rains, and when the snow begins to melt.

For more information on the Adopt-A-Drain program visit: [mn.adopt-a-drain.org](http://mn.adopt-a-drain.org).

### Keeping our Storm Sewers Clean: What is an Illicit Discharge?



Anything that goes into the storm sewer system that is not storm water is considered an illicit discharge including but not limited to: paint, grass clippings and leaves, pet waste, motor oils, lawn chemicals, and sidewalk deicers.

### How do I Report an illicit discharge?

**Step 1.** Observe from a safe distance. DO NOT touch or smell the substance.

**Step 2.** Notify the Non-Emergency Police Dispatch at 507-895-4414 (Available 24/7). In case of an emergency, call 911.

**Step 3.** Provide the following information: your name, phone number, discovery/incident time, date, and location, description of material, and source if known, estimated extent of the problem, take photographs of the scene and send them to: [www.lacrescentwwtp@gmail.com](mailto:www.lacrescentwwtp@gmail.com)

### Water Curb Stops On Your Property



A curb stop is used to control the water supply from the city water main to inside your property. The curb stop would most commonly be utilized if you have a leak on the property or if your plumber is working inside the house and the main control valve is no longer working.

Curb stops are usually located near the front of your property line.

The curb stop is an essential piece of equipment. It is utilized when a leak or other serious event can't be handled by turning off a shutoff valve at the fixture itself. For instance, when you have a leak in your structure's interior supply lines after a pipe breaks due to freezing weather. Turning off a fixture shutoff valve won't control the flow of water at that point because it's after the break. You would need to shut off the water at the curb stop, which is also referred to as the main shutoff valve.

There may be instances when the curb stop cannot be found because it is buried, bent, or broken. Things that can obscure the curb stop valve cover include grass or roots, improper placement of concrete or asphalt, or physical damage. Without a working curb stop there is no way to turn off the water.

The curb stop valve on your water service line might never get used. However, a curb stop valve is a quick way to shut off the water going into your house in an emergency, and can save you from property damage.

You, as the property owner, are responsible for your curb stop shut off valve. Please check to make sure that you know where yours is located and that it is visible and in working order. If it is not, then it is important that you speak with a licensed plumber to resolve any curb stop related issues.

Please call City Hall if you have questions about locating your curb stop. 507-895-2595.

### Building Permits

All permits for the City are now done online. Visit our website at: [www.cityoflacrescent-mn.gov](http://www.cityoflacrescent-mn.gov) 'Administration' tab, 'Building & Zoning' sub-tab. If you are unsure if a permit is required, please call 507-895-2595 and ask for the Zoning Department.

### Keep Sidewalks shoveled

Snow needs to be removed from sidewalks (full width) within 24 hours of a snowfall.

### Keep Trees Trimmed

Please keep trees trimmed back to the edge of the road/back of the curb to a height of 13'-6" to allow emergency vehicles to access your property and your neighbors.



### Prescription Drug Drop-off Box

The Prescription Drug Drop-off box is located in City Hall and may be accessed during regular business hours 7:30 am - 6:00 pm M-Th. Meds can remain in their original containers. No need to remove or mark-out the labels. This is a confidential disposal unit. **\*No liquids or needles accepted.\***

### La Crescent Public Library

**Monday - Friday**  
(10:00 am - 6:00 pm)

**Saturday**  
(10:00 am - 2:00 pm)



Open to the public. Masks are required in the library for all staff and patrons ages 5+.

For more information visit the La Crescent Library Website at: [www.lacrescent.lib.mn.us](http://www.lacrescent.lib.mn.us)

### Register Your Pets

Dogs and cats within City limits must be registered at City Hall annually, by January 15th. Proof of rabies needs to be presented at time of registration.

**Spayed/Neutered** - \$10.00 per pet  
**Not Spayed/Neutered** - \$15.00 per pet  
**Multi-Pet Permit** - \$25.00 + license fee per pet. (3 or more of one species)



### Recycling Cart Collection

A few things to remember:

- Recycling pick up is every other Wednesday
- Please have the carts out by 7 a.m. on the designated collection day
- All recycling must fit inside the cart
- Carts need to sit on a level surface (Do not place on top of a snow bank)
- If your recycling was not picked up please contact Hilltopper Refuse and Recycling directly at 608-783-6727

For more information about the **recycling cart and calendar of pick up dates** view our website [www.cityoflacscent-mn.gov](http://www.cityoflacscent-mn.gov) 'Refuse & Recycling' tab and then directly under the Refuse & Recycling Pickup tab select the link for the 'Recycling Bin Information'

### City Compost Site and Recycling Center

The City **Compost Site**, for the deposit of your trees, leaves and grass. (Located on Main St. just beyond Classic Rock) is open:

**Summer** (Starts 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in April)

Monday 2 – 7 PM

Saturday 8 – 3 PM

**Fall** (1st Thursday in Oct thru last Thursday in Nov)

Mondays 2 – 7 PM

Thursdays 2 – 7 PM

Saturdays 8 – 3 PM

**Winter** (starts 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in Dec)

SATURDAYS ONLY 8 - 3 pm

The **Recycling Center** - operated by Houston County (160 S. 3rd St., Take Chestnut St. to south side of 'City-Door' previously known as the Commodore or Flea Market building. Site is located behind building and across the railroad tracks.) is open Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For questions please call: 507-725-5800



Thank you to the groups and individuals that made donations to support City events and projects throughout the year. Including but not limited to, Neighbors Night Out, La Crescent Fire Department, and City parks and playgrounds.

Pictured: Jim Nissen from Pheasants Forever presenting a check to Mayor Poellinger to be used toward the Horsetrack Meadows prairie planting project.



### La Crescent Food Shelf

The La Crescent food shelf is open for indoor shopping and is certified as a 'SuperShelf', which carries healthy foods along with a warm and welcoming environment. Located at 436 South 6th Street. Open: Wednesday 1:00 to 5:00 pm, Thursday 2:00 to 6:00 pm, and the 2nd Saturday monthly 9:00 to noon.

If you are sick or otherwise unable to come in person for food please call Susan Oddsen, Program Manager: 507-895-1115 or email: [lacscentfoodshelf@gmail.com](mailto:lacscentfoodshelf@gmail.com).

## **3 BENCHMARKING**

The City of La Crescent has been participating in the B3 Benchmarking program for over 5 years. During this time

the city has significantly reduced emissions, improved building efficiency per square foot, and lowered energy costs. The city has achieved a reduction of 670,090 CO<sub>2</sub>e (equivalent) pounds since adoption of the B3 Benchmarking program. For more information, please visit <http://mn.b3benchmarking.com>



### **Pay your water bill with Online Pay**

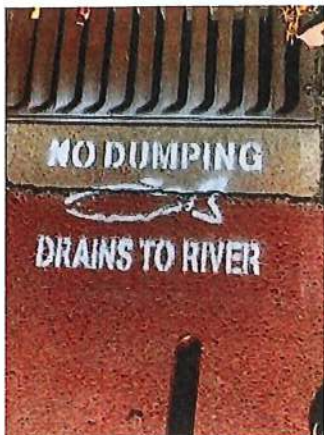
The City of La Crescent partners with PSN which is a national payment service that residents can use to pay their water and sewer bill online. Visit our website [www.cityoflacscent-mn.gov](http://www.cityoflacscent-mn.gov), menu item 'Pay My Bill.' You can also call 877-885-7968 for assistance.

*Pay now, schedule a payment or set up Auto-Pay. Please opt out of paper bills to help save money and be GREEN. An email is sent when your bill is ready. If you choose to use this service we recommend setting your payment date no later than the 10th or 12th of the month.*

### Cub Scout Project

Eleven Cub Scouts from Pack 98 were busy with their Service project late summer and early fall. The scouts swept, weeded, and painted some of the storm drains around the city to show the importance of keeping storm drains clear of debris that can ultimately end up in our river. They hope to continue the project to include more storm drains within the city.

Thank you to the scouts that participated.



### Veterans Park Playground Dedication

On Tuesday, September 28th the Veterans Park playground dedication took place, featuring an all-abilities accessible merry-go-round.



### Gift Certificates

**Not sure what to get that hard-to-shop-for person in your life?** Consider one of the following:

1. La Crescent Pine Creek Golf Course gift certificate
  2. City of La Crescent Gift Certificate, which can be used for the La Crescent Aquatic Center or City of La Crescent summer recreation programs. For more information call the City at 507-895-2595.
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**The City is currently accepting applications for City Boards/Commissions/Committees.** If you or someone you know are interested, please visit the City Government link on our website. The application is available on any of the Commission/Committee links. Applications can also be picked up at the front desk of City Hall.

**Are you new to La Crescent?** View the 'Welcome to La Crescent' guide located on our website under the 'Residents' link or pick up a copy at City Hall, 315 Main Street.

**Would you be willing to help the City in our continued effort of going "Green?"** Please consider receiving the Fall/Winter issue of the Newsletter via email. Simply send your email address to [aboettcher@cityoflacrescent-mn.gov](mailto:aboettcher@cityoflacrescent-mn.gov).

## City Council

The City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays every month in the City Council Chamber. Meetings are open to the public.

Council Members:

Mayor - Mikel Poellinger

Ryan Hutchinson  
Cherryl Jostad  
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner  
Dale Williams

Council Agenda's, Meeting minutes, and Meeting packets can be found on the City website:

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